

A Tribute to *Emma Big Bear*

Emma Big Bear Holt was the last full-blooded American Indian to live in Clayton County and a direct descendant of **Chief One-Eyed Decorah, Chief of the Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Nation**, who delivered Black Hawk to the US Army at Ft. Crawford in 1832, ending the Black Hawk War.

Deceased for almost 40 years now, Emma was a long-time resident of our towns who affected many of our lives in one way or another. Today her memory lives on in our hearts & minds.

Marquette, McGregor, Prairie du Chien, Harpers Ferry and all residents of the surrounding towns – young and old alike – are invited to listen to and share their stories about Emma Big Bear on **7/21/07 and 7/22/07**. Tourists are welcome to join us. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Emma's story as told by her neighbors, friends, acquaintances and relatives.

WHEN: Saturday, **July 21** & Sunday, **July 22**, 2007, **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

WHERE: Eagles Landing Winery, 127 North St., Marquette, IA (**seating for 50 people, handicapped**)

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One segment features Emma Big Bear family story telling by **Mrs. Virginia Decorah-Dixon, Great-Great Niece of Emma**, whom she fondly called "Grandma". This is your chance to share your Emma Big Bear stories, which may be documented, with Emma's family and the community.

You may even **catch a glimpse of Emma Big Bear**, as played by **Pat Matt**, sitting on the front porch at her old yellow house that is connected to the winery in Marquette. Pat will share her Emma stories as told to her through 100s of hours of interviews and presentations.

Sculptor Florence Bird will demonstrate the beginning stages of making a bronze statue -- like the one planned for **Emma Big Bear at the Mississippi River Sculpture Park** across the river in Prairie du Chien, WI -- and how she was inspired to start this monumental art and history project in this beautiful region where the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers meet.

While at the winery, visit the **Emma Big Bear museum** to see Emma's handmade baskets and old family pictures; read newspaper stories; and view Emma's clay maquette, envisioning her bronze statue in finished form. Sculpture Park volunteers will be on hand to accept tax-deductible donations to help underwrite the est. \$80,000 cost to produce **Emma's life-sized bronze statue**.

Both days' schedules are shown below – FREE to the public – Sample American Indian food & music:

10 a.m. to 12 noon	Talk to "Emma Big Bear", sitting on her front porch at the winery
11 a.m. to 12 noon	Winery Production Area Tour
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.	Emma Big Bear stories told by Pat Matt, plus "your" stories
1 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Demonstration of Emma Big Bear's bronze statue process by Florence Bird
2 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Winery Production Area Tour
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Emma Big Bear Family stories by Virginia Decorah-Dixon, plus "your" stories